

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of November 28, 2005, is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The claims after Claim 26 have been correctly renumbered consecutively 27-35. The claims numbered 34 and 35 on page 10 of Amendment B are hereby deleted because these claims were a duplication of the claims number 32 and 33 of Amendment B.

New claims 26 to 35 have been correctly added. Claims 1-35 are now in the application. New claims 26 to 35 are based on and are identical in wording to claims 2 to 11 presented above and are all dependent from amended claim 24. Claim 24 is a combination of the subject matter of claim 1 presented above and claim 24 previously added. Full support for the subject matter of claims 26 to 35 can be found in the specification as filed.

Thus, Applicant submits that no new matter was introduced and that no new search is required for the subject matter claimed in the new claims 26 to 35.

Applicants have correctly numbered the claims after claim 25 of Amendment B filed November 14, 2005, to overcome the Non-Compliant objection cited by the Legal Instruments Examiner.

All claims are now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. Should further issues remain prior to

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allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,


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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE

I hereby certify that the foregoing AMENDMENT C for U.S. Application No. 10/005,786 filed November 8, 2001, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, with sufficient postage, addressed: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on December 8, 2005.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.


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